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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:
DESERTIFICATION AND DROUGHT

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.29

Desertification and drought

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/175 of 21 December 1993 in which it recalled the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development set forth in chapter 12, entitled "Managing fragile ecosystems: combating desertification and drought", of Agenda 21 1/ and took note of the recommendation contained in paragraph 38.27 of Agenda 21 and of decision 93/33 of 18 June 1993 of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, 2/

Noting the work being undertaken under the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat

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1/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolution Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex II.

2/ See Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 15 (E/1993/35), annex I.

Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa,

Recalling its resolution 48/175, in which it recalled the appeals to the United Nations Development Programme and the United Nations Environment Programme to continue and strengthen their cooperation in combating desertification, notably through support for the Office to Combat Desertification and Drought (UNSO) by the joint venture programme,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of its resolution 48/175, 3/

Expressing its concern at the present level of resources available to relevant United Nations bodies, including the United Nations Development Programme/Office to Combat Desertification and Drought (UNSO), to support activities to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in all affected developing countries and regions,

1. Welcomes the efforts made by the United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Development Programme to strengthen their cooperation in combating desertification through the United Nations Environment Programme/United Nations Development Programme partnership to combat desertification;

2. Renews its appeal to Governments, regional economic integration organizations and other interested organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, to make contributions to relevant United Nations bodies, including, the United Nations Development Programme/Office to Combat Desertification and Drought (UNSO), to strengthen their capacity to support activities to combat desertification and mitigate the effects of drought in all affected developing countries and regions;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on the implementation of the present resolution, which would be considered under one unified sub-item on the agenda under the title "Environment and sustainable development: implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development".

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